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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the attached Supplemental Form PTO-1449 are called to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited references are attached hereto. No representation is made that the cited art is the only art or that the cited art represents the best art.

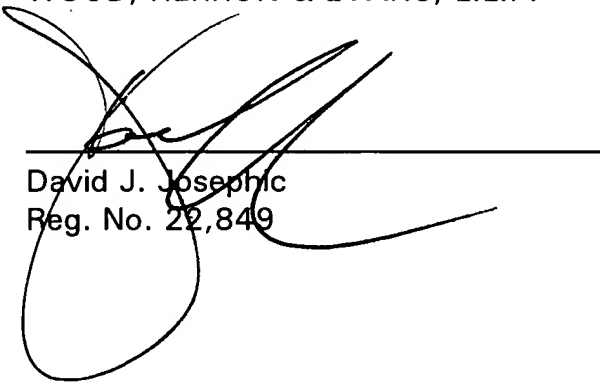
Undersigned counsel received an International Search Report (copy enclosed) in a counterpart PCT patent application. That Search Report is indicated to have been mailed December 14, 2000, and cites six references: FR 2 728 800, WO 95 00206A, and U.S. Patents Nos. 5,368,651 A, 5,512,249 A, 5,527,395 A, and 5,800,629 A. Copies of the six references are enclosed.

The Examiner is urged to consider the cited references listed on the attached supplemental form PTO-1449, and to make an independent decision with respect to their materiality.

Applicant believes that no fee is due for this submission. However, should any fees be deemed required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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